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- C-3 1. The regular North Korean Army troops are now known either as members of the People's Army (In Min Kun 人民軍) or the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools, also known as the Peace Preservation Staff Officers' Schools (Po An Kan Pu Hak Kyo 保安幹部學校).
- C-3 2. A soldier may be a member of a Peace Preservation Corps Officers' School but may not be stationed at the school nor be receiving training at the school. He may be stationed several miles from the school performing regular military duties.

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- F-1 3. The commander of the People's Army, or the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools, is CH'OE Yong-kon (崔庸健). The vice-commander is MU Chong (武亭). [Washington Note: See [redacted] for further information on CH'OE Yong-kon and MU Chong.] 25X1A2g

- F-6 4. CH'OE Yong-kon is allowed a great deal of latitude in commanding the People's Army, but receives direction from General KIM Il-song and General Shtikov.

- F-6 5. The total strength of the People's Army, or the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Training Schools, in North Korea is one division consisting of fourteen battalions.*

The Division Headquarters is at Haden (Haden) (129-41, 41-42).

KIM Kang (金剛) is the division commander.

There are three battalions at Sinuiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06).

There are five battalions at Pyongyang (Heijo) (125-44, 39-01), two battalions at Yongampo (Ryugampo) (124-22, 39-56), one battalion at Haeju (Kaishu) (125-42, 38-02), one battalion at Chongjin (Seishin) (129-49, 41-46), and two battalions at Chinnampo (125-24, 38-44). Note: [redacted] reported Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools at Pyongyang, Haeju, Sinuiju, and between Chongjin and Nanam.) 25X1A2g

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* [redacted] Note: It has been reported by [redacted] that the North Korean People's Army consists of two divisions and one independent infantry brigade.] 25X1X6

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F-3 6. The general headquarters for the Korean Communist Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools is at Nanam and is known as Division Headquarters.

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F-6 7. In each of the North Korean provinces a regimental [?] headquarters for the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools in the province has been established.

25X1A6a () If a regiment of North Korean troops is composed of three battalions, then North Hamgyong and Hwanghae Provinces are understrength. According to paragraph 5 of this report, only one battalion is reported at Haeju in Hwanghae Province and one battalion at Chongjin in North Hamgyong Province. Furthermore, according to paragraph 5, there are no battalions in Kangwon and South Hamgyong Provinces, but there are seven battalions in South Pyongan Province - two at Chinnampo and five at Pyongyang. However, 25X1A2g () reported a Peace Preservation Corps Officers' School at Hamhung in South Hamgyong Province.)

F-2 8. The commanding officer of the general headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools at Nanam is CH'OE Yong-kŏn.

F-3 He was the former head of a military and political school (for Koreans?) in Yen-an (109-27, 36-36) and at one time was head of the Korean Independence League in Yen-an.

F-2 The vice-commander is MU Chŏng, former commander of the Korean Volunteer Army in Yen-an.

Peace Preservation Corps Officers' School at Sinuiju

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() Note: See () for further information on this subject.] 25X1A2g

F-3 9. The Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Training School at Sinuiju is the only Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Training School in North Pyongan Province. There are other training schools, some of which give training of a military nature, in North Pyongan Province, but they are operated by other organizations such as the Provincial Government Peace Preservation Department (Po An Pu 保安部).

F-6 10. The school is actually known as the South Sinuiju Peace Preservation Corps Officers' School and is in South Sinuiju.

F-6 11. There are between 1500 and 2000 students at the school.
F-2 They are organized into three battalions.

F-3 12. The regimental headquarters for the school and for North Pyongan Province is at Rakwon, a few kilometers southwest of Sinuiju near the boundary line of Uiju (Gishu) (義州) County and Yongchon (Ryosen) (龍川) County.

F-6 13. The commander of the Rakwon Regimental Headquarters is a Korean named YI (李), 42 years of age, who was in Yen-an during the war.

F-6 14. The chief of the Political Department of the Rakwon Regimental Headquarters is KO Pong-ki (高鳳基), 36 years of age, and a former member of the Korean Volunteer Army in Yen-an.

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- 3 15. A Soviet Army officer, a major, is attached to the Rakwon Regiment as a military adviser.
- 3 16. The commanding officer of the 1 Battalion of the South Sinuiju school is O Ch'i-man (吳致滿), 34 years of age. The commanding officer of the 2 Battalion is KIM U-man (金宇滿), 32 years of age. The commanding officer of the 3 Battalion is YI (李), 29 years of age. O, KIM and YI were members of the Korean Volunteer Army in Yenan.
- 17. The training at the South Sinuiju school is divided into military and political training, with emphasis placed upon the military.
- 18. The main military training area for the school is in the Sokha Mountain (石下山) area near Sokhadong (124-26, 40-04). Four companies go to the Sokha Mountain area daily and receive infantry training, rifle and small arms instruction, and engage in artillery practice. () Sokhadong is approximately 25X1A6a three miles from Sinuiju.)
- 2 19. The political instruction given at the South Sinuiju school stresses the history of the Soviet Army, the history of Korea's struggle against Japan, and "thought improvement" (Communist indoctrination?).

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Machine Guns for Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools

- 20. On 3 June, 35 German machine guns arrived at the Pyongyang Peace Preservation Corps Officers' School by train from Chongjin. They will be distributed among all the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools in each province.

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